Dear Colleagues,

We continue to do well in terms of patients with COVID-19. The numbers of admitted patients continues to drop, as well as those requiring ICU level of care. We continue to experience very small numbers of new admissions with COVID-19, and that number continues to shrink.

We will be monitoring the numbers of positive tests and new admissions in the coming days to gage the impact of the gradual reopening of the state on the rate of new infection.

Simultaneously, we are making progress in ramping up clinical services that had been paused during the acute phase of the pandemic. Clear guidelines and availability of appropriate PPE and testing are critical to the success of our transformation to operate in the COVID-19 era, and we will be communicating clear and practical revisions to our PPE guidelines next week. We are also working on dramatically increasing our COVID-19 testing capacity from 1000 tests per day today to 10,000 tests by the end of June. This work will be done in close coordination with the state of Connecticut as well as the municipalities we serve.

My thanks for your ongoing flexibility as we all learn how to provide the best care for the patients we serve during these challenging times.

Warmly,
New Updates for May 29

Updated COVID-19 ICU practice guidelines
The COVID-19 ICU practices guidelines have been updated. Changes include considerations for PICC placements with anticipated prolonged need for central venous access and updates to evaluations of patients (and related precautions) admitted via Y-access. Please see the attached document.

PFT reopening
The SIM Respiratory Care action team has developed pulmonary function testing reopening guidelines, which are attached.

Reminder about patient valuables
All hospitals are accepting deliveries including flowers for patients admitted to our facilities. Families should only bring what is essential during a patient’s hospitalization. They should be reminded to limit valuables, not to bring money, and not bring food that has to be microwaved or heated. Families will not be allowed to deliver these items, and will be required to be screened and wear a mask in order to enter our facilities. Items will be double bagged and delivered to the patient.

ITS requests
If the request is COVID19 related please send appropriate request number to SIMCovid19@YNHH.ORG to ensure it is prioritized.
Non-COVID or COVID Recovery Requests: As we transited to the COVID19 response and recovery phase, ITS has returned to the standard request process as of Friday, May 8th.
Please utilize the appropriate modalities:
- IRMA. New projects or software solutions including data and reporting. All project requests that are non-COVID require VP approval at this time.
- Help Desk (203)-688-4357. New technology or access to existing applications (e.g., Zoom, Epic)

Zoom best practices and tip sheets
Please see attached a tip sheet for helpful tips, best practices and etiquette for use of Zoom

Operational Snapshot (Source: JDAT)
COVID Status Day to Day

Current Totals

- COVID+ Inpatients: 221
- COVID+ Inpatient in ED: 3
- COVID+ Floor: 151
- COVID+ ICU: 70
- COVID+ on Vent: 46
- COVID+ Admissions (Today): 6
- COVID+ Discharges (Today): 33
- COVID+ Mortality (Today): 5

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Yesterday: 25
Since March 14: 2,886

COVID-19 patients have been discharged back to their lives after being treated by our healthcare heroes.
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

YNHHS/YM PPE Policy
- The ambulatory and inpatient policy and related FAQ are available on the Clinical Resources site at: https://www.ynhhs.org/patient-care/covid-19/for-employees.aspx

PPE reuse and collection
- *Please do not wear makeup such as foundation or lipstick as they soil the facemasks and respirators making them ineligible for reprocessing. Makeup is the #1 cause of being unable to reprocess.*
- PPE reuse policy and other information can be found on the Clinical Resources page at: https://www.ynhhs.org/patient-care/covid-19/for-employees.aspx

Clinical Care/Operations

Infection prevention contact email
Please utilize the below email address for your inquiries about COVID-19 - they will be triaged with a goal of replying within 48 hours, please indicate in the subject if urgent. Please do not use this email for patient consults that are urgent in nature.

*COVID_InfectionPrevention@ynhh.org*

Resources:
Attachments to this message can also be found here.
Previous All Staff updates are archived and can be accessed here.